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THE REPLY FILED Jan 12, 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE.

Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid the abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

THE PERIOD FOR REPLY [check only a) or b)]

- a) ☐ The period for reply expires _____ months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☐ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see NOTE below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: _____

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____

4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).

5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: _____

6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.

7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☐ will not be entered or b) ☒ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: 1-11

Claim(s) objected to: _____

Claim(s) rejected: 12-18

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____

8. ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
10. ☒ Other: see attachment.

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed January 12, 2004 (hereinbelow simply referred as the "arguments") have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.
2. Applicant argues that Snowden does not disclose a status bit indicating flow control (the arguments, page 7, second paragraph under section 5). In support to this statement, applicant contends that column 5, lines 21-35 of Snowden teach that the bit rate indicator 460 is an indication of modulation frequency, not an indication of flow control (the arguments, page 8, second and third full paragraphs). Applicant adds that Snowden's bit rate indicator 460 is not the same thing as the status bit of the present invention.

In response to applicant's arguments, it should be noted that the limitation "status bit" reads on Snowden's bit rate indicator 460 because it is an indication of the bit rate (or data rate) to be used subsequent to determining its value; for example 25,000 bps or 50,000 bps (column 9, lines 36-39 & 67, column 10, lines 1-5 of Snowden). In fact, at column 5, lines 27-29, Snowden explains that "the bit rate at which demodulation is performed is determined by an optimum bit rate indicator 460 (FIG. 6)" (*emphasis added*). Therefore, the optimum bit rate indicator 460 indicates the bit rate (or data rate) at which modulation frequency occurs, not the modulation frequency *per se*, as argued by applicant. "Flow control" can be found in the fact that the bit rate or data rate is changed, adjusted or controlled by analyzing the bit rate indicator 460 (status bit).

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3. Applicant further argues that Suzuki does not disclose a status bit indicating flow control (the arguments, page 9, section 6). However, Suzuki has been applied in combination with Snowden. The combination, meet each and everyone of the claimed limitations including a status bit indicating flow control, as explained above.

Conclusion

4. Any response to this Office action should be mailed to:
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eliseo Ramos-Feliciano whose telephone number is (703) 305-0078. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday (first week of bi-week) and Monday through Friday (second week of bi-week) from 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m..

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Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-4700, or call Group customer service at (703) 306-0377.

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